GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF POST OFFICES IN REMOTE AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of post offices in remote areas of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu people to face a lot of difficulties;

(b) if so, the details of post offices likely to be opened in Tamil Nadu during 2006-07, district-wise; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. All areas of the country have been provided postal facilities. At present there are 12196 Post Offices in rural areas in Tamil Nadu, including 91 in tribal areas. Wherever found justified, as per norms, post offices are relocated to needy and remote areas from those areas where a Post Office is no longer justified at the existing location, since no new post offices can be opened as per the Tenth Plan directives and no plan targets in this regard are assigned.

(b) & (c) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.